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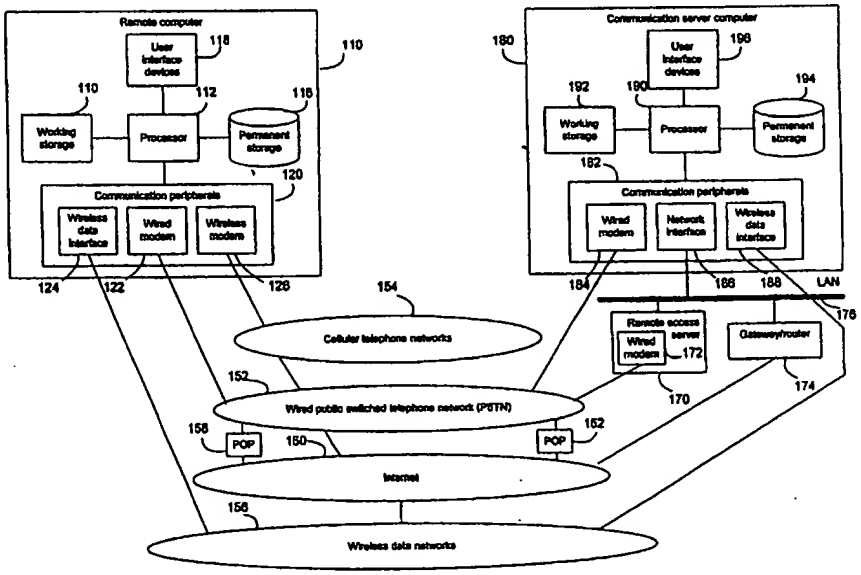

(57) Abstract

A method for partially synchronizing a local database (422) stored on a local computer (420) and a remote database (412) stored on a remote computer (410). The method includes forming a message (460) including information related to a local update of the local database (422), selecting a path from one or more communications paths (152, 154, 160, 370 & 372) coupling the local computer (420) to the remote computer (410), and transmitting data including the message (460) to the remote computer (410) over the selected path (372).